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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

7 SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES,
8 INC.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 MILTON SESSLER; PACIFIC HIDE
& FUR DEPOT, a Montana
12 corporation doing business as Pacific
Steel & Recycling; PACIFIC HIDE &
13 FUR DEPORT, doing business as
Pacific Hide & Fur Depot, a Montana
14 corporation; PACIFIC HIDE & FUR
DEPOT, INC., a Washington
15 corporation,

16 Defendants.

NO: 4:17-CV-5040-RMP

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE
ORDER

17 BEFORE THE COURT is Plaintiff's Motion Requesting that the Court
18 Enter Plaintiff's Proposed Protective Order, ECF No. 52. The Court has reviewed
19 the motion and the record and is fully informed.

20 Plaintiff seeks a protective order that would cover documents, including
21 documents that Mr. Sessler emailed to his personal email account, that Plaintiff

1 alleges are confidential and contain trade secrets and proprietary information.
2 Based on testimony presented at the evidentiary hearing held on May 24, 2017, the
3 Court finds that all the relevant documents that Defendant Sessler retained have
4 since been destroyed or returned to Plaintiff. Although Plaintiff referenced the
5 possibility of other confidential documents arising in the course of discovery, there
6 has been no showing at this juncture that any potentially confidential information
7 will be necessary in this matter. Therefore, the Court finds no basis to enter a
8 protective order.

9 Should the need arise, the Court will allow the parties to seek a protective
10 order at a later date, but such a request must be supported by evidence of the need
11 to protect confidential information that is relevant to this litigation and consistent
12 with Ninth Circuit law. Bare, conclusory assertions will not suffice.

13 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion
14 Requesting that the Court Enter Plaintiff's Proposed Protective Order, **ECF No.**
15 **52**, is **DENIED with leave to renew**.

16 The District Court Clerk is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to
17 counsel.

18 **DATED** May 25, 2017.

19 s/ Rosanna Malouf Peterson
20 ROSANNA MALOUF PETERSON
21 United States District Judge